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## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

## AN ACT

2 relating to competitive purchasing procedures for certain 3 counties.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 262.0256, Local Government Code, is 6 amended to read as follows:

Sec. 262.0256. PRE-BID CONFERENCE [FOR CERTAIN COUNTIES OR
A DISTRICT COVERNED BY THOSE COUNTIES]. [(a) This section applies
only to a county with a population of 2.8 million or more.

10 [(b)] The commissioners court of a [the] county or the governing body of a district or authority created under Section 59, 11 Article XVI, Texas Constitution, if the governing body is the 12 13 commissioners court of the county in which the district is located, may require a principal, officer, or employee of each prospective 14 15 bidder to attend a mandatory pre-bid conference conducted for the purpose of discussing contract requirements and 16 answering questions of prospective bidders. 17

18 SECTION 2. Section 271.0565, Local Government Code, is 19 amended to read as follows:

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SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.